First Congregational
United Church of Christ

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An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

November 20, 2022
10:00 am
Reign of Christ
Thanksgiving Sunday

“Together in Christ”
24th Sunday After Pentecost
Transgender Day of Rememberance

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:30 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
Passcode: Ypsi1882
To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Hybrid Worship Service
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

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PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud **VISHNU SRINIVAS**

"O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Arr Cindy Berry

RINGING THE BELL **MARTY KLEINO**

WELCOME **PASTOR LIZ**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- As stated in our Open and Affirming Covenant (previous page), all persons are welcome in this community of faith.

ANNOUNCEMENTS **IVAN HARNER**

- **COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**
  - The Worship Leader is Ivan Harner.
  - Greeters are Donna Eyster (Roomie), Jeanette Sherrill (Zoomie)and they will introduce folks participating in worship.
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
  - Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Morningstar"
2 SING

CALL TO WORSHIP *Unison **IVAN HARNER**

Today, I make my Sacrament of Thanksgiving.
I begin with the simple things of my days:
Fresh air to breathe,
Cool water to drink,
The taste of food,
The protection of houses and clothes,
The comforts of home.
For all these I make an act of Thanksgiving this day!

HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Community of Christ"
314 NCH

LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING **Psalm 46** **IVAN HARNER**

SECOND READING **Colossians 1:11-20** **PASTOR LIZ**

HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"
86 NCH

MORNING MESSAGE **"Together in Christ"** **PASTOR LIZ**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording
*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **PASTOR LIZ**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER *Unison with Microphone muted **PASTOR LIZ**

For the wide sky and blessed sun,
For the salt sea and running water,
For the everlasting hills
And the never-resting winds,
For trees and the common grass underfoot.
We thank you for our senses
By which we hear the songs of birds,
And see the splendor of the summer fields,
And the taste of autumn fruits,
And rejoice in the feel of the snow,
And smell the breath of the spring.
Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty;
And save our souls from being so blind
That we pass unseeing
When even the common thornbush
Is aflame with your glory,
O God our creator,
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY INVITATION **PASTOR LIZ**

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

Please place in-person offerings in the gold offering plate on the table by the door.

Checks can be mailed to:
First Congregational United Church of Christ
PO Box 980413, Ypsilanti, MI 48198

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"Joy to the World"** **VISHNU SRINIVAS**
By Lowell Mason, Arr Cindy Berry

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**
"Take My Gifts" v,2, 562 NCH

Take the fruits that I have gathered from the tree your Spirit sowed,
Harvest of your own compassion, juice that makes the wine of God,
Spiced with humor, laced with laughter, flavor of the Jesus life,
Tang of risk and new adventure, taste and zest beyond belief

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **IVAN HARNER**

Let us join our hearts in gratitude on this wondrous day,
where we have the abundance of our lives before us.
We remember all of those who do not have enough,
who are afraid, who are lonely, and who suffer.

We wish for the abundance of this world to be shared,
for fear to become love, for the lonely to feel welcomed,
and for the suffering to know rest and joy.

For the labors, the love, the care that gave us the delights of this day,
we say "Thanks!"

For the nourishment of our spirit, the challenges that strengthen us,
and the friends we have on the journey, we sing "Thanks!"
Overflowing with gratitude, let us shout,
"Thanks!" Amen.

—Naomi King, *A Thanksgiving Blessing*

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted *Standing optional **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"We Gather Together"
1 ES

BENEDICTION (RESPONSIVE) **PASTOR LIZ**

Leader: God has fed us on grace,
People: So let us go to share the kindom with everyone around us.
Leader: Jesus has filled us with compassion and grace,
People: So let us go to be with others in the days to come.
Leader: The Spirit has poured hope into our lives,
People: So let us go be a blessing to those in our world.
Leader: Amen.
People: Amen.

POSTLUDE Please remain seated

"Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light" **VISHNU SRINIVAS**
By Johann Schop, Arr Cindy Berry

PASSING THE PEACE **FRIENDS GATHERED**

*Save Zoom Recording to Cloud (click "yes")

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Zoom Only Sunday Worship 10:00 am

Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Vishnu Sri, Accompanist
Melanie Harner, Hybrid Technical Coordinator

Jenn Zibbell, Member-in-Discernment
Ivan Harner, Worship Leader
Donna Eyster, Room Greeter
Jeanette Sherrill, Zoom Greeter
Marty Kleino, Usher & Bell Ringer

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- **Dedication Prayer:** Naomi King, *A Thanksgiving Blessing* (adapted)
- **Benediction:** Thom Shuman, *Lectionary Liturgies*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For pastoral care needs and/or emergencies, please call or Text Pastor Liz, 734-358-6108

Pastor Liz will be on vacation Monday, November 21- Sunday November 27. She continues to be available for pastoral emergencies and prayer requests during this time.

Worship Next Week: Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown, preaching; Tad Wysor, Worship Leader; Greeters, Ivan Harner (Roomie) **and Jeanette Sherrill** (Zoomie).

It is a blessing that Rev Dan will bring the message next week. Thank you, Dan, for sharing your faith and creativity with us.

No Community Discernment Gathering This Week.

We will resume our Community Discernment Gathering on Monday, December 5 at 7:00 pm. Homework includes thinking about the question "What makes us a church?" (vs. another type of non-profit, community organization, club, or volunteer group). We will be reviewing our most recent "Mission Statement(s)" as a launch point for our discussion. Thanks to all who are contributing their time, talents, and love to gathering weekly as we listen for the Holy Spirit's still speaking voice calling us toward our shared future ministry together.

Stewardship Campaign - Bread and Cup to Faith and Giving: The importance and significance of the Communion Elements within our faith journey are foundational. The actions we take to respond to our **faith and giving** are just as important and foundational for our church life, our Spiritual life. Faith and giving are woven into our history and our future. Please faithfully consider your generous commitment to this worship community for the coming year. We will be celebrating Stewardship Sunday, December 4, 2022. We ask you to send your pledge for our Stewardship drive to-

Anne Marie Nicoll-Turner. amnicollturner@gmail.com

The pledge card is on the last page of this bulletin, following the hymns.

Today is Transgender Day of Remembrance

(TDOR) — November 20, 2022 is a global day of mourning for transgender persons who have lost their lives to anti-transgender/nonbinary violence; a day to renew our commitments to and solidarity with people of trans and nonbinary experience.

May our witness leave no doubt that the United Church of Christ stands with our transgender and nonbinary neighbors near and far — and that we are keeping faith with the transgender, nonbinary and gender queer members of our church and community.

Florida Fruit Drive Continues: You can make a difference! Your purchases support Florida's economic recovery from Hurricane Ian AND our church's local Washtenaw County ministries and social justice work. We are again partnering with Indian River Groves in Florida to provide citrus products. This is an annual fund raiser for Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. **If you would like a reminder list of those people you sold to last year, please let Ivan know; txt him at 734-417-6531, or email ivanharner@gmail.com.**

We have found the fruit to be excellent and the company very responsive, and cooperative to work with. Share this information with friends and family. Please help us meet our fund-raising goals! This makes a perfect gift for the holiday season.

Orders must be placed by December 11 to be received before Christmas!

Use the link below to make your order

www.floridaindianrivergroves.com/ecommerce/1017616

or go to our web site www.ypsiucc.org

Thank you for your support of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC.

Giving Tree 2022

The Giving Tree is a wonderful opportunity to provide Christmas cheer to children in our church family as well as WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) families at Christmas time. Here is how you can participate.

Roomies, choose an ornament and purchase a gift certificate for $30 from Meijer listed on the ornament.

Please return your gift certificate to Margaret Harner or Patty Sherwood no later than December 4th.

Zoomies, make a Tithely donation of $30 and we will purchase the gift certificate. Mark the donation as Giving Tree. Please complete your purchase no later than December 4th. You can also send a check to the church and note Giving Tree.

This ministry has continued for several decades and has brought cheer of the season to many young people.

OUR CHURCH'S MINISTRIES

HOLY GROUNDS

During the Omicron (COVID) surge members of Ypsi UCC provided local coffee, tea, coffee cups, and single packaged snacks for the night shift at Trinity Health St. Joe Mercy Hospital where Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown is the night chaplain. While the COVID crisis has partially resolved, the stress level of the night staff has not. Contributing factors include the long-term emerging effects of COVID, a lack of staff, a nation-wide nurse shortage, and staff burnout. The night shift greatly appreciates this ministry of hospitality and caring.

Please consider donating coffee that is roasted by local Michigan companies. Tea and single packaged candy or snacks are also welcome. Please contact Marty Kleino at Mgkleino@gmail.com or 734-262-1419 to have your donation delivered to St. Joes. If you would like more information about this ministry, please contact Dan Kidder-McQuown at mcq188@gmail.com or 517-240-8413.

THE BEACON CENTER

The **Beacon Center** is the newest community social justice of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. As a light to all persons, the Beacon Center's ministry will support the spiritual formation, creative expression, overall thriving and advocacy of at-risk students of all ages, including those affiliated with three primary local institutions of higher learning: Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and University of Michigan. In the Spirit of the UCC moto, "That They All Shall Be One", Beacon Center serves as a uniting and unifying umbrella across our congregation serving persons sources through our three other community social justice ministry networks. Those ministries (each detailed below) include WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) serving the immigrant communities, MI-ONA (Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition) serving LGTBQ+ persons, and WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) which brings together faith, labor and community organizations to address local issues.

The Beacon Center is committed to advocate for self-determination and education for all people, especially students living in poverty, persons of color experiencing racism, and other de-humanizing circumstances and conditions. Beacon Center's student demographics include persons of color, immigrants, minorities, LGTBQ+ folk, women, those with special needs, the economically disadvantaged, those facing housing insecurity, the financially challenged, and the working poor. For additional information on the Beacon Center, please contact Rev. Liz Larrivee at lizlarrivee@gmail.com

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

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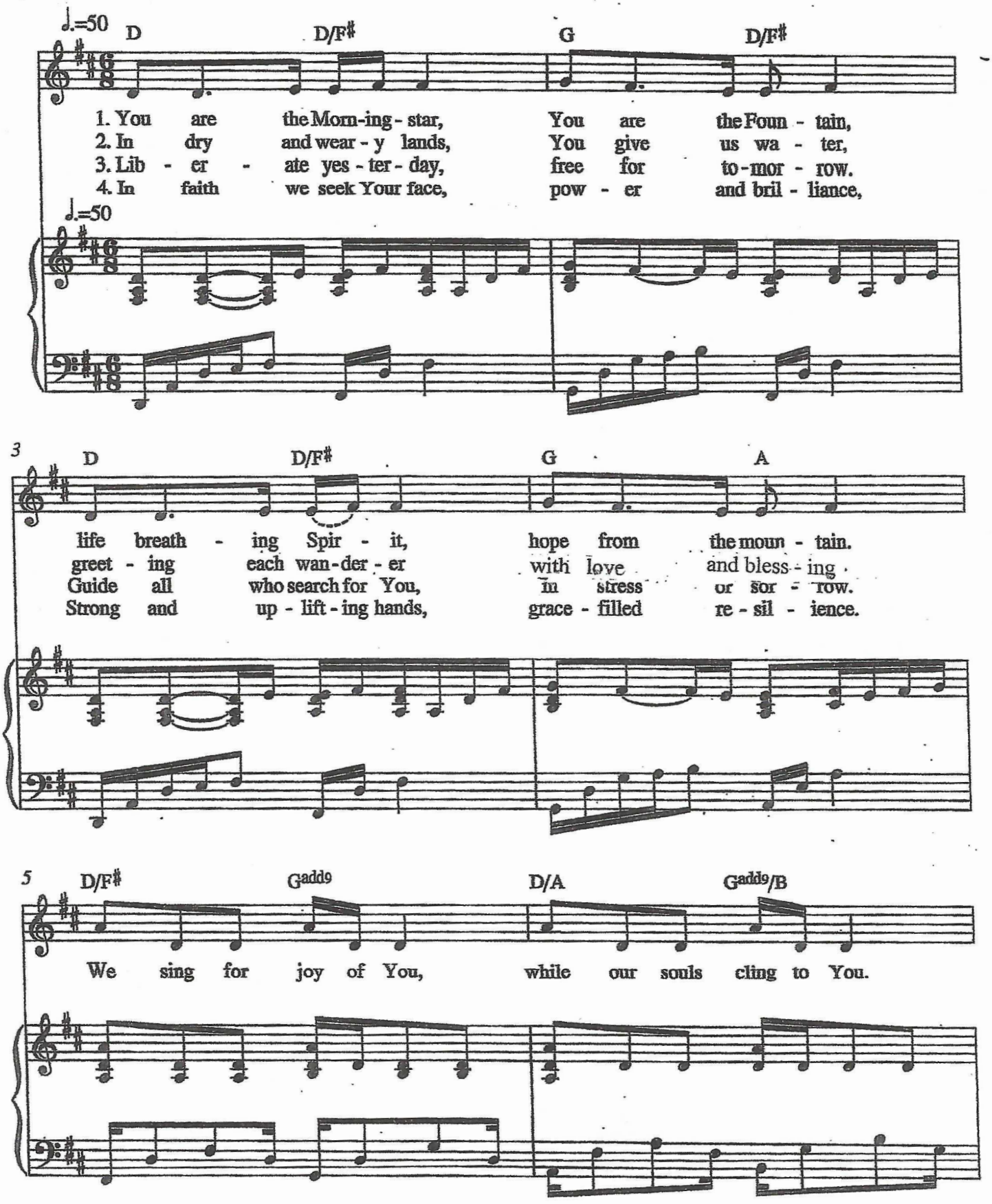
Morningstar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D
D/F♯
G
D/F♯
1. You are the Morn-ing - star, You are the Foun - tain,
2. In dry and wear - y lands, You give us wa - ter,
3. Lib - er - ate yes - ter - day, free for to-mor - row.
4. In faith we seek Your face, pow - er and bril - liance,
♩.=50
3
D
D/F♯
G
A
life breath - ing Spir - it, hope from the moun - tain.
greet - ing each wan-der - er with love and bless - ing.
Guide all who search for You, in stress or sor - row.
Strong and up - lift - ing hands, grace - filled re - sil - ience.
5
D/F♯
Gadd9
D/A
Gadd9/B
We sing for joy of You, while our souls cling to You.

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2/2

7
Em
A7
D
1.2.3.
You are the Morn - ing - star.
1.2.3.
9
D
D/F♯
Gadd9
D/A
Gadd9/B
4.
-star.
We sing for joy of You, while our souls cling to You.
4.
12
Em
A7
D
You are the Morn - ing - star.

Community of Christ

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Shirley Erena Murray, 1985

1 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who make the Cross your own,
2 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the church's door
3 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must sound—
4 When men-ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be done,
live out your creed and risk your life for God a - lone:
and see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry, and the poor.
cry out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world 'round:
the cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its Sun;
The God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long,
Take hands with the op - pressed, the job - less in your street,
Dis - arm the powers that war and all that can de - stroy,
Our cur - ren - cy be love and kind - li - ness our law,
whose chil - dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song.
take towel and wa - ter, that you wash your neigh-bor's feet.
turn bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy.
our food and faith be shared as one for ev - er - more.

Shirley Erena Murray has grown up within the Ecumenical Movement and addresses related themes such as Christian unity and social justice in her hymnody. This text was first sung at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

Tune: LEONI 6.6.8.4.D.
Traditional Hebrew melody
Adapt. Meyer Lyon, 1770

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86 When Morning Gilds the Skies

Ps. 5:3; 59:16–17

Katholisches Gesangbuch, *1828*
Transl. Edward Caswall, 1854; alt.

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries,
2 New strength comes night or day when from the heart we say,
3 Dis - cor - dant hu - man - kind, in this your con - cord find,
4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let sin and e - vil fear,
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song,
one pur - pose I de - clare: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
when this sweet chant they hear: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
through all the a - ges long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

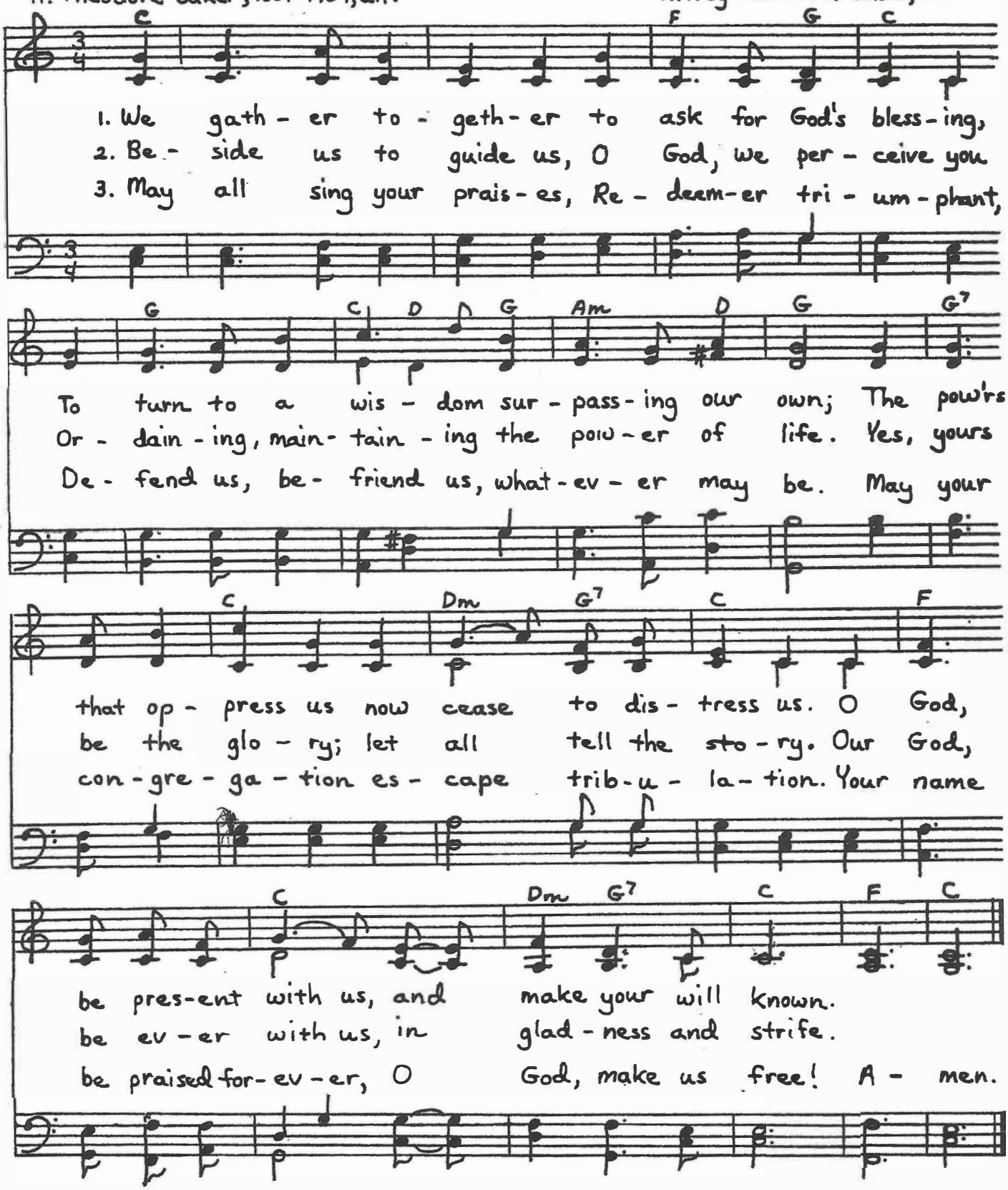
This anonymous German Catholic hymn was translated to English by Edward Caswall, an Anglican—and later, Roman Catholic—priest. Among the scripture references is Psalm 5:3, "O God, in the morning you hear my voice. . . ."

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI 6.6.6.6.6.6.
Joseph Barnby, 1868

We Gather Together

Netherlands Folk Song
Tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934, alt.

KREMSER 12.11.12.11.
Netherlands Folk Song, 1626
Arr. by Edward Kremser, 1838-1914


C F G C
1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask for God's bless - ing,
2. Be - side us to guide us, O God, we per - ceive you
3. May all sing your prais - es, Re - deem - er tri - um - phant,
G C D G Am D G G7
To turn to a wis - dom sur - pass - ing our own; The pow'rs
Or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing the pow - er of life. Yes, yours
De - fend us, be - friend us, what - ev - er may be. May your
C Dm G7 C F
that op - press us now cease to dis - tress us. O God,
be the glo - ry; let all tell the sto - ry. Our God,
con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion. Your name
C Dm G7 C F C
be pres - ent with us, and make your will known.
be ev - er with us, in glad - ness and strife.
be praised for - ev - er, O God, make us free! A - men.

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For CHURCH RECORDS

Envelope # _____ (for office use)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

I plan to give beginning _____ (date and year) each ☐ week ☐ month

	Annual Total
For our congregation's ministries	$ _____ $ _____

I understand that this commitment can be changed at any time by giving notice to the appropriate church officer.

☐ I would like to talk with someone about including the church or church-related institution in my will.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

From BREAD and CUP to FAITH and GIVING

For YOUR RECORDS

Date: _____

With others in my congregation, I commit myself to give in proportion to what I have for the ministries of the church and the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ.

I plan to give beginning _____ (date and year)

Each ☐ week ☐ month

	Annual Total
For our congregation's ministries	$_____ $_____